

May 18, 2009

Dear Community Member:

Each year, America's Walk for Diabetes is a remarkable event. It is also the number one fund-raising event to help fight a terrible disease – one that affects more than 23 million Americans. I am proud to be the Event Chairperson for the **2009 Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes** being held at Chukchansi Park on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Diabetes affects over 23 million Americans and obesity and inactivity are direct links to Type 2 diabetes. I know first-hand the effects diabetes has on our community. That's why I am asking for your help.

It's an honor for me to be involved with the American Diabetes Association, the nation's leading voluntary health organization providing services for all people with diabetes. It is my privilege to invite you to join me for a brief breakfast meeting with a select group of Fresno leaders from various corporations and agencies, **"Breakfast in the Dug-Out" at Chukchansi Park at 7:30 am on June 3, 2009.**

You'll find this meeting a little "unconventional" – yes, but very informative! I would be pleased if you or a member of your management team could attend. Not only will you be lending your support to diabetes research, programming and advocacy, but you'll also have the benefit of strengthening your company's position within the community.

I have already pledged my support to this important cause, and I am counting on your support as well. **Please take a moment to respond before May 29, 2009 by contacting Laurie Tucker at the American Diabetes Association office at (888) 342-2383 ext. 7521 or by email at ltucker@diabetes.org.**

I look forward to seeing you on June 3 in the dug-out!

Sincerely,

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